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March 12, 1985

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
Ingraham Wrecking-Corvallis, MT

Board of County Commissioners, Ravalli Co. Courthouse, Hamilton
Don Mullin, R.S., Courthouse, Box 5019, Hamilton
Dept. of Fish Wildlife & Parks, Regional Office 2705 Spurgin Rd.,
Missoula
Harold R. Cox, Sc.D., Health Officer, P. O. Box 937, Hamilton
Ted Odmark, North of Corvallis, Corvallis
Bitterroot Conservation District, 223 S. 2nd, Hamilton
Rick Ingraham, P. O. Box 218, Corvallis
Bitterroot National Forest Service, 316 N. 3rd, Hamilton
Ken Chrest, Water Quality Bureau, DHES, Helena
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Building, Helena
Tom Ellerhoff, Env. Sciences Division, DHES, Helena
Harold Chambers, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604,
the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the
Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Frederick
Ingraham/dba/Ingraham Wrecking five miles east of Corvallis, Montana.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform
all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of
the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have
a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary
Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15)
days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within
the allotted time.

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MITCHELL
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid & Hazardous Waste Bureau

Project or Application Frederick Ingraham dba Ingraham Wrecking

Description of Project Establishing a new motor vehicle wrecking facility
five miles east of Corvallis, Montana (See Map).

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats			X			X
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution			X			X
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture		X				X
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics				X		X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites				X		

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue				X		
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income				X		
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows			X			X

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction County Planning Board, County Junk Vehicle

Program

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. _____

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not Necessary

PER Prepared by: Larry Mitchell

LARRY MITCHELL

Date: March 7, 1985

3/12/85

GENERAL COMMENTS

The applicant has proposed the establishment, development and operation of a small sole proprietorship wrecking yard on a portion of a 40 acre parcel he owns near the head of Coalpit Creek east of Corvallis, Montana. State law requires wrecking yards to be screened such that junked vehicles can not be seen from public roadways. This facility is properly shielded. It is located approximately 1.5 miles from the end of the nearest county road. The vehicle storage site is near the bottom of a narrow timbered canyon approximately 150 feet deep. The site is in compliance with the shielding requirements of state law.

Wrecking yards must be located in areas approved for such land use by local planning jurisdictions. There are no local zoning ordinances in effect which would prohibit the establishment and operation of a wrecking facility at this location according to a certification on the license application.

The Montana Environmental Policy Act requires a review of potential environmental impacts resulting from this proposal. Establishing a wrecking yard at this location may have minor to moderate impacts on roads, wildlife, soil stability and water quality. Wrecking yard businesses involve the towing or transportation of salvage vehicle inventory to a site where they are dismantled for used parts sales and recycling of scrap metals.

The applicant has excavated a vehicle storage site less than one acre in size at the bottom of a narrow timbered canyon by cutting into the side of the draw. A small seasonal stream flows through the canyon during snow melt, spring and early summer. The stream is a tributary of Coalpit Creek, an intermittent stream in its upper reaches. Some additional silt loading of the stream may be evident during run-off due to excavation of the yard site, road construction and other site development activities which have disturbed the natural forest soils of this drainage. Total surface area disruption equals approximately one to two acres. Impacts on water quality should not be significant due to the seasonal flow of the stream and the relatively small area disturbed. The applicant must operate the facility such that salvaging activities do not result in gross spillage of vehicle waste fluids near the streambed such that they could enter the water course directly or through surface run-off during snow melt or heavy rains.

Access to the site is via an unimproved private road serving other 40 acre parcels and a large land holding which is farmed for grain production. During wet periods this road could receive considerable abuse due to travel involving the towing or transport of salvage vehicles into and out of the site. Increased private road maintenance will probably be necessary. No significant impact is expected on the public roads closer to town which provide access to the site.



This site is in an area which provides good to excellent big game habitat for deer and large elk herds. The Calf Creek Segment of the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department's Bitterroot Game Range is located 2 miles south. The Forest Service boundary is two miles east of the site. The foothills region surrounding this proposed site is a diverse fringe area between the forest lands of the Sapphire Mountains to the east and the agricultural/residential valley bottom to the west. It consists of generally unsettled benchlands of sagebrush and other forage shrubs, with some areas farmed for small grains. Several timbered canyons through the area provide wildlife cover and travel security to and from feeding areas.

Additional human activity in this area is likely to have a detrimental long range impact on wildlife. Subdivision of large parcels has initiated this trend. Land use activities developed as a result of the subdivisions will determine the impact only by degree.

A salvage facility by its commercial nature resulting in additional travel trips, noise and an increased general level of activity may have a more disruptive influence on wildlife populations than a residential use only, for example. However, this proposed operation is anticipated to be very small in scale, limited by available inventory storage space, existing wrecking yard competition, access and location. Still, additional incremental adverse impacts on wildlife populations begun by the subdivision of this area will probably result from this proposed land use.



MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Room A201, Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620

- 1) Name of applicant: Fredrick S. Ingraham
2) Name of facility: Ingraham Wrecking
3) Address: P.O. Box 218 Ravalli's, MT 59828
4) Size and legal description of facility: 40 Acre NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4
T2N, R19W

- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:

Name: _____

Address: _____

- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.
b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: Don L. Miller, Jr. County Commissioner and Planning Office Manager

OF: Ravalli County
(city or county)

- 8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: January 1985

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Fredrick S. Ingraham PHONE: 363 4290

TITLE: Owner DATE: 12-11-84

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Ingraham Wrecking
Proposed Site







